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1 The Pentagon has deployed drones several times over U.S. territory on non-military spy missions, but the flights have been rare and lawful, according to a Defense Department report obtained by USA Today under the Freedom of Information Act. The report, by the Defense Department inspector general, said the Pentagon had flown drones over U.S. territory fewer than 20 times between 2006 and 2015, always in compliance with existing U.S. law, USA Today reported Wednesday. Use of aerial surveillance drones over the United States became public in 2013 when then FBI Director Robert Mueller testified before Congress that the bureau employed spy drones during investigations on rare occasions, USA Today said. REUTERS

CLINTON: IRAN SHOULD FACE SANCTIONS FOR REPORTED MISSILE TESTS

2 Democratic presidential front-runner Hillary Clinton said Wednesday she was "deeply concerned" by reports that Iran had tested multiple ballistic missiles and said the country should face sanctions for its actions. "This demonstrates once again why we need to address Iran's destabilizing activities across the region, while vigorously enforcing the nuclear deal," Clinton said in a statement. "Iran should face sanctions for these activities and the international community must demonstrate that Iran's threats toward Israel will not be tolerated," she said. Iran test-fired two ballistic missiles earlier Wednesday that it said were designed to be able to hit Israel, in defiance of U.S. criticism of similar tests carried out Tuesday. REUTERS

CLOSED MASSACHUSETTS CHIPOTLE EMPLOYEE HAS NOROVIRUS: OFFICIAL

3 The suburban Boston Chipotle restaurant that closed Tuesday was hit by norovirus, with one employee confirmed ill and two more suspected with the virus, the top health official of the town of Billerica said. The cleaned restaurant was scheduled to reopen Thursday, Billerica Public Health Director Richard Berube told reporters, adding that employees suspected of having the virus did not come to work Wednesday. "They called in sick so that was very fortunate," he said outside the closed restaurant. Chipotle is trying to repair its reputation after a series of food-safety incidents.

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Cops had to shut down Dilworth following reports of fights. METRO STAFF

Philly youths 'out of control' in Center City

Several arrests were reported by police Wednesday as young Philadelphians swarmed Dilworth Plaza.

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An estimated 500 youths swarmed through Dilworth Plaza in front of Philadelphia City Hall Wednesday afternoon as police tried to control angry flare-ups between teenagers.

"It was the perfect storm," said one police source. "It was the worst it has ever been."

The source credited the warm weather and social media with bringing a massive number of youths to the area.

City and SEPTA police, who have deployed contingents to the areas around City Hall and Dilworth Park SEPTA stations in recent months to quell frequent after-school violence among youths, were both on the scene.

"The youth of our city are off the hook in Center City," SEPTA Police Chief Thomas Nestel III tweeted just before 4 p.m. Wednesday. "The weather has brought a large number of students to Center City. While many are enjoying the day, some are out of control."

Massive crowds filling the sidewalk on Market Street were seen around 3:30 p.m., while at least two young people were cuffed and led into a police wagon.

By 4:30 p.m., Dilworth Park was shut down, and authorities had warned store owners on Chestnut Street to close their doors because "we couldn't guarantee their safety," said one officer.

Bicycle cops and other officers quickly evacuated the plaza amid reports of fights and ordered youths to disperse.

An increased police presence remained around City Hall Wednesday evening.

Dilworth Park was reopened to the public, but youths in the park were still being told to leave.

Witnesses to the fight declined to be identified, but one commented that youth violence outside the City Hall station is common.

"It happens every day," one said.

Police officials declined to comment on the record on whether their presence in the area would be stepped up in the days to come, but some implored parents to help address after-school violence in Center City.

"We're urging parents of students to help us out, even if their child isn't someone who would be involved in any type of disturbance. It would help greatly if they would check and make sure their kids come home right after school," said SEPTA spokesman Andrew Busch. "They can be innocent victims standing around when something happens. We want to see that limited as much as possible."

"The weather has brought a large number of students to Center City. While many are enjoying the day, some are out of control."

SEPTA police chief Thomas Nestel, on Twitter

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Mechanics Ronald Galati Sr., Ronald Galati Jr. and Robert Otterson. PHOTO: PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

South Philly mechanics charged in insurance fraud scam that cost city over $400K

District Attorney Seth Williams charges three with bilking the city's Office of Fleet Management out of $400,000.

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The city has charged three contracted-out mechanics with bilking the Office of Fleet Management out of hundreds of thousands of dollars in padded invoices, inflated repair costs and overcharged labor on city cars, District Attorney Seth Williams announced Wednesday morning.

Ronald Galati Sr., Ronald Galati Jr. and Robert Otterson, mechanics from South Philly, were charged with scamming the city out of more than $400,000 over the course of several years, according to an indictment handed down Wednesday.

All three were charged with theft, criminal conspiracy, receiving stolen property and tampering with public records.

Williams, along with Assistant District Attorney Dawn Holtz, described the nature of the scheme, which started when the Galatis were hired by the city to work on city cars that get damaged on the job.

"The original case started several years ago when we started investigating American Collision for insurance fraud for staging accidents, for enhancing damages and padding invoices," said Holtz.

An investigating grand jury found that in 2010, the city's Office of Fleet Management solicited a bid for automotive repair shops to receive overflow repair work the city couldn't handle on its own.

Williams said Otterson worked for Fleet Management and was the point man who would help the Galatis win bids to receive overflow repair work for their South Philly auto body shop, American Collision.

In January 2013, both Galatis were indicted and charged with operating a large insurance fraud scheme at American Collision. The case is part of a larger insurance probe the Galatis and possibly 40 others were involved in going back three years ago.

Galati Sr. remains incarcerated without bail, serving a sentence of 21 years on a federal case where he put a hit out on someone in Atlantic City. Galati Jr. and Otterson are currently out on bail awaiting a Sept. 7 trial and have waived their preliminary hearings. All three have agreed to have these new charges added to their existing cases.

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‘Disgrace’ as stars swiped from Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Brass star medallions were stolen off the Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

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Brass star medallions that line the walls around the Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial were stolen recently.

At least two star medallions were taken, apparently ripped off the granite.

Steve Uchniat, president of Liberty Bell Chapter #266 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, who was looking forward to the installation of a statue at the memorial in honor of Philly’s only Medal of Honor recipient next month, was shocked when he heard the news.

The medallions and other bars on the walls were installed a few years ago as a deterrent to skateboarders who were grinding on the memorial’s walls, he said.

“They were put there for skateboarders. Now I guess the people are taking them so they can junk them, which I think is a disgrace,” Uchniat said. “That’s what they were for; they were to keep the skateboarders out from damaging the memorial, and now they’re breaking them off and trying to junk them.”

Memorial caretaker Jim Moran told Philly.com that he discovered two medallions and three “skateboard stoppers” on the walls were taken on Tuesday.

Terry Williamson, president of the Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, said the stars were installed during a redesign that cost about $1 million and wrapped up last October. The redesign was intended to make the memorial publicly visible from all sides so that it didn’t attract any illegal activity.

> *“Unfortunately, there are still idiots out there and this stuff happens.”*
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> Williamson

“Unfortunately, there are still idiots out there and this stuff happens,” Williamson said. “It’s extremely sad and discouraging when somebody desecrates the memorial that honors the 646 Philadelphians that gave their lives in the war, but frankly it does happen on occasion. It’s not nearly as bad as it used to be.”

He estimated replacing the stolen metal would cost $500 to $1,000.

“We will make repairs to it. Fortunately the damage was minor,” he said.

It was unclear whether surveillance footage had been pulled from the site or if any suspects had been identified.

The memorial’s central wall lists the names of soldiers who died in the Vietnam War. Two more names are currently taped up in paper that will be added to the granite wall, bringing the total to 648.

“They’re getting ready to engrave them, and then I hear that crap, they’re stealing stuff,” Uchniat said.

At the Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the light circle is the space formerly occupied by a stolen star medallion. SAM NEWHOUSE

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BRIEFS

NBA star Dion Waiters skips game to mourn brother killed in Philly

Oklahoma City Thunder guard and Philly native Dion Waiters missed Wednesday night's game against the Los Angeles Clippers to mourn for his younger brother, who was slain during a bloody day in Philadelphia.

"The call I just got about my lil brother wasn't expecting this s---.....crushed my heart I never question why.... But this hurt..... I promise I got Yu mark my word..... Love Yu kid.," Waiters wrote on Instagram.

Waiters' brother, whom he did not identify, was one of six victims of homicides around the city Tuesday. Five were shot to death, and one was stabbed to death.

Thunder star Kevin Durant told ESPN that the team understands why Waiters needs personal time.

"We feel for Dion, man. He's our brother and it's tough for anyone to go through that, and we have his back on everything. He's got our love and support throughout it all and he knows we're here for him," Durant told ESPN.

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Seeking to say 'thank you' to Good Samaritan who returned wallet

A local man is looking for the person who returned their wallet in the mail so they can thank them personally.

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A Philadelphia-area man has issued a heartfelt plea online to find the kind-hearted individual who not only found his lost wallet, but paid to mail it back to him.

His goal: to say thank you.

"Whoever you are, I first want to thank you for your kind words, but, more importantly, it is because of you that I have strong faith in humanity," the user "wreq5" posted on Reddit Philly, along with a picture of his wallet and the note it came with.

The note in question. REDDIT

Wreq5, a mid-30s man from the Delaware County area, declined to identify himself, but told Metro that he just wants to thank the person who sent his wallet back.

They included a note: "On Monday, March 7th, I found your wallet on the street. There was no cash, but it still had your credit cards, health insurance, and your driver's license. Hope you don't lose it again!

Wreq5 wrote in his plea to find the person: "There are good people in this world and I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for sending my wallet back. Please, if you find this post & you really are the person who sent it to me, let me know. I would like to thank you personally if given the opportunity."

Wreq5 told Metro he believes he lost his prized wallet, a wedding gift from his wife, in the Chinatown area.

"Truly I didn't realize I lost it until it arrived in my mail," he said. "I had a default sentiment about most, if not all, humanity being a selfish community. This changed my outlook on humanity in a huge way ... It's great to know that great people exist in our city, regardless of the bad rap our citizens get."

He has canceled his credit cards as a precautionary measure, but wrote on Reddit that he still wants to say "thank you," and possibly to offer the person who found his wallet a home-cooked meal.

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FBI penetrated New York-based Russian spy ring using hidden recorders

The FBI used binders to hide recordring devices. GETTY IMAGES

The FBI eavesdropped on meetings involving Russian intelligence personnel in New York City, including a suspected spy posing as a trade representative, by hiding recorders in binders containing supposedly confidential information about the energy sector, prosecutors said.

The hours of covert recordings from 2013 were disclosed in papers filed in Manhattan federal court on Tuesday in the case of Evgeny Buryakov, a Russian citizen who federal prosecutors say posed as a banker while participating in a Cold War-style spy ring.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation's eavesdrops enabled the agency to penetrate the workplaces of Russia's foreign intelligence service, the SVR, and hear about Buryakov's work for it, prosecutors said.

They also captured one Russian agent, also charged in the case, complaining about the lack of excitement in his job, saying he expected it "would be just slightly more down to earth than in the movies about James Bond."

The disclosure came ahead of an April 4 trial for Buryakov, who was arrested in January 2015 as prosecutors unveiled charges against him and the two other Russians, Igor Sporyshev and Victor Podobny.

Prosecutors say the trio conspired to gather economic intelligence for Russia, including information about U.S. sanctions against the country, and to recruit intelligence sources in New York City.

Neither Sporyshev and Podobny, who made the James Bond comment, were arrested, as they enjoyed diplomatic immunity in their respective roles as a Russian trade representative and an attaché to the country's mission to the United Nations.

Buryakov, who worked at Russian state-owned Vnesheconombank, has pleaded not guilty. Neither his lawyer nor the Russian consulate responded immediately to requests for comment.

According to prosecutors, in April 2012, Sporyshev met an undercover FBI employee posing as an analyst at a New York energy firm at an oil and gas industry conference.

Over the next two years, they met to discuss the industry and other economic and political issues, prosecutors said, with Sporyshev providing gifts and cash for information.

In 2013, the FBI employee began providing Sporyshev with the binders containing purported industry analysis he wrote, supporting documents and "covertly placed recording devices," prosecutors wrote.

As the undercover employee said his company would fire him if it learned he disclosed confidential information, Sporyshev would promptly return the binders after reviewing them, prosecutors said.

The recordings that resulted captured statements of Sporyshev, Podobny and other Russian intelligence personnel from January to May 2013, prosecutors said.

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BRIEF

CDC director calls Zika virus in Puerto Rico a 'challenge and crisis'

During a tour of Zika preparations in Puerto Rico, Thomas Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, called Zika a "tremendous challenge and crisis" and said protecting pregnant women from the virus is a top priority.

In Brazil, Zika has been linked to a spike in cases of microcephaly, a birth defect marked by small head size and underdeveloped brains.

"Until a few months ago, no one had any idea that Zika could cause birth defects," Frieden told reporters Tuesday at a briefing in Puerto Rico's health department.

Frieden has been working with CDC staff and the Puerto Rican government on strategies to protect pregnant from becoming infected with the mosquito-borne virus, which Frieden called a top priority.

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Republicans sue State Department to obtain emails related to Clinton

Hillary Clinton has faced questions about her emails since it emerged a year ago that she used a private email account and a private server while she was secretary of state.

The Republican National Committee filed two lawsuits on Wednesday seeking to obtain emails related to Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton's tenure as U.S. secretary of state.

Clinton has apologized for the email arrangement, which is being investigated by the FBI, but has said she did nothing wrong and believes the government will vindicate her.

The RNC said it filed the lawsuits after the State Department failed to respond in a timely manner to a Freedom of Information Act request submitted in December. It sought the information to ensure the public has information to decide if Clinton is "fit to serve" as president, the RNC said in a statement.

The first lawsuit seeks emails, BlackBerry Messenger or text messages between then-Secretary of State Clinton and several key senior aides, including her chief of staff, Cheryl Mills, and director of policy planning, Jake Sullivan.

The second lawsuit seeks emails and other electronic exchanges between nearly a dozen State Department officials and any Clinton associate using one of more than a dozen different Internet domain names. It covers the period between Feb. 1, 2013, when Clinton left the job, and Dec. 4, 2015.

The request includes any emails to the State Department officials from Clinton's campaign website, HillaryClinton.com, or the website of former President Bill Clinton's foundation, ClintonFoundation.org.

The suit also targets emails from domains like MediaMatters.org, a liberal nonprofit group that seeks to counter what it believes is misleading conservative information in the U.S. media. REUTERS

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Clinton's surprise loss exposes risks for her on trade

Hillary Clinton's unexpected defeat in Michigan has laid bare growing voter anger over international trade, raising warning flags for her ahead of a possible presidential election showdown against Republican front-runner Donald Trump.

Trump has built his campaign on pledges to scrap international trade deals and do more to protect American workers from foreign competition, tapping the same groundswell of discontent that propelled Clinton's rival Bernie Sanders to victory in the Midwestern state on Tuesday.

Clinton remains heavily favored to win the Democratic nomination. But the setback in Michigan could signal further troubles in upcoming primaries in other Rust Belt states such as Ohio, forcing her further to the left on economic issues and possibly influencing her choice for an eventual running mate, strategists said.

Bernie Sanders GETTY IMAGES

The backlash against 20 years of trade liberalization has stalled the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), a sweeping Pacific trade deal backed by President Barack Obama and threatens to stymie the trade agenda for years to come. REUTERS

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Former Republican rival Fiorina backs Cruz's White House bid

Former Republican presidential candidate Carly Fiorina on Wednesday threw her support behind Ted Cruz, saying the senator from Texas was the only candidate left who could topple front-runner Donald Trump and take the White House from Democrats.

"The only guy who can beat Donald Trump is Ted Cruz," Fiorina said at a rally for Cruz in Miami.

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Chicago Tribune endorses Rubio in 2016 Republican presidential race

The Chicago Tribune endorsed Sen. Marco Rubio in the 2016 Republican presidential race on Wednesday, a week before Illinois' winner-take-all presidential primary.

The newspaper of the state's leading city credited Rubio's embrace of spending limits, a line-item veto and a balanced budget amendment. "Crucially, his foreign affairs expertise vastly exceeds that of his rivals," it said.

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Biden says his family was near scene of Tel Aviv attack

On Tuesday, the VP was meeting former Israeli President Shimon Peres several blocks from where the Palestinian was running along the Tel Aviv beachfront stabbing pedestrians and motorists stuck in traffic.

Israeli security forces take security measures as they inspect the crime scene in Jaffa, Israel. GETTY IMAGES

Vice President Joe Biden said on Wednesday his wife Jill and their grandchildren were dining on a Tel Aviv beach when a Palestinian killed an American tourist with a knife and wounded 11 other people on the seafront "not very far" away.

Since October, Palestinian stabbings, shootings and car rammings have killed 28 Israelis and two U.S. citizens. Israeli forces have killed at least 179 Palestinians, 121 of whom Israel says were assailants. Most others were shot dead during violent protests.

"I don't know exactly whether it was a hundred meters or a thousand meters," Biden, on a visit to Israel, told reporters about Tuesday's assault.

"It brings home that it can happen, it can happen anywhere, at any time," he said, after meeting Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem.

Violence has surged since Biden's arrival in Israel on Tuesday as part of a regional visit. Two Palestinians, who Israel said opened fire and wounded one man in Jerusalem on Wednesday, and a Palestinian who the military said tried to stab soldiers in the occupied West Bank, were killed by Israeli forces.

Taylor Force, a 28-year-old Vanderbilt University graduate student and a U.S. military veteran who Biden said served tours of duty in Afghanistan and Iraq, was killed and 11 people were wounded before police shot the attacker dead. REUTERS

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US Air Force veteran convicted of attempting to join Islamic State

Tairod Pugh, a U.S. Air Force veteran, was found guilty Wednesday of attempting to join Islamic State, according to his lawyer.

The conviction marks the first case in more than 75 Islamic State-related prosecutions brought since 2014 by the U.S. Department of Justice to reach a jury verdict.

After a weeklong trial in Brooklyn federal court, a jury found Pugh, 48, guilty of attempting to provide material support to a designated terrorist organization, and obstruction for destroying four portable electronic storage devices after his detention in Turkey.

"Of course, we are disappointed with the verdict as we put in great effort to defend the case, but the jury appeared to be fair and genuinely concerned about reaching the correct verdict as they saw it," Pugh's lawyer Eric Creizman said.

Pugh U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE/HANDOUT

Pugh will be sentenced in September, Creizman said.

Prosecutors said Pugh immersed himself in violent Islamic State propaganda for months before buying a one-way flight from his home in Egypt to Turkey, where he hoped to cross the Syrian border into territory controlled by the extremist group.

He was detained by Turkish authorities at an Istanbul airport and eventually flown to the United States to face terrorism charges.

Pugh's defense lawyers argued that his only offense was to express "repugnant" views about Islamic State in Facebook posts and to watch dozens of the group's slickly produced recruitment videos. They said he traveled to Turkey to find work, not to become a jihadist.

But prosecutors pointed to a letter he drafted to his Egyptian wife, found on his laptop, in which he vowed to fight for Islam and declared he had two options: "Victory or Martyr." The letter was written days before he flew to Turkey, though it was unclear whether he ever sent it. REUTERS

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Gwen Stefani ignoring all that pregnant nanny nonsense

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Hey, has all the lovey-dovey news about Gwen Stefani and Blake Shelton helped you forget about her whole divorce thing with Gavin Rossdale? Because it's sure helped her. Even though news broke this week that the couple's former nanny, Mindy Mann, is pregnant, Stefani simply isn't bothered. "Gwen is not worried about her former nanny right now. She is busy doing other things," a source tells Hollywood Life. "Gwen is a mother herself and deals with her day-to-day happenings with her kids. She is in a new relationship and getting over her past relationship [and] focusing on career goals. The last thing on her mind is Mindy. She obviously doesn't want anything bad to happen to her. She doesn't harp on every move Mindy is making."

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Robert Downey Jr.'s son is off the hook

This is something of a second generation Hollywood rite of passage: getting your first felony drug charge dismissed. And that's exactly the milestone Indio Downey, 22-year-old son of "Avengers" star Robert Downey Jr., is celebrating this week. Downey the Younger had his cocaine possession case — stemming from a 2014 arrest — dismissed after he submitted proof he'd completed a rehab program. "I am truly grateful for the experience I had over the last 20 months in recovery." Indio told the judge, according to TMZ. "I'm so blessed to have my life back. I hope to be an inspiration to work with others in the future." With this dismissal, Indio's record is wiped clean.

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J.J. Abrams is sorry about that 'Force Awakens' hug

So there's this scene at the end of "Star Wars: the Force Awakens" that rubbed a lot of fans the wrong way, and director J.J. Abrams is really sorry about it. He swears it was a mistake. See, after … something … happens in the movie (ask your friends), General Leia (Carrie Fisher) meets new series hero Rey (Daisy Ridley) for the first time and gives her a big hug. Which is fine, except she walks right past Chewbacca to do it. What? Does she still think of the Wookiee as nothing more than a walking carpet? "That was probably one of the mistakes I made in that. My thinking at the time was that Chewbacca, despite the pain he was feeling, was focused on trying to save Finn [John Boyega] and getting him taken care of," Abrams tells Slashfilm. I don't know, I think she's still just kind of snooty toward Wookiees. Remember in the first movie when she handed out those medals at the end but didn't give one to Chewbacca? It's a pattern of behavior, man.

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Sarah Bolger goes to the dark side

The very personable Irish actress gets to play a monster in the new indie "Emelie."

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Sarah Bolger plays an evil babysitter in "Emelie," out now in theaters and video on demand. DARK SKY FILMS

Sarah Bolger is so busy that she never gets back to her home in Dublin.

"I have a dog, a poor dog. It stays with my family," the actress tells us, laughing. The dog, a she, is a rescue, which accounts for her name, which was not Bolger's choice. "Don't judge me: Her name is Fluffbucket."

Bolger is really personable, giggling at everything, which stands in stark, amusing contrast to her new movie. In the indie thriller "Emelie," she's the title character: a mysterious young woman hired as a last-minute babysitter for three young kids. Once the parents have left for their date night, Emelie starts gradually reveals someone with more nefarious, often truly screwed-up intentions.

"That was the sick, twisted part of myself that wanted to do it so badly," Bolger confesses. "I just loved this girl. I read the script and was like, 'What the f— is she doing? What's her deal?' I couldn't understand. She is broken. A glass has smashed inside herself."

Going to such places can't be easy over an entire shoot. "It messed with my head a little bit," she admits. "I'd go back to my hotel room in this isolated town we were filming in. I would have to sit down at night and wrote a diary — for lack of a better word — breaking down what she went through for the scenes every day."

Bolger was a child actress who broke through with 2003's "In America," in which she starred alongside her real-life sister, Emma, as sisters who emigrated with their parents (Samantha Morton and Paddy Considine) to New York in the 1980s. Here, she got to act with a new generation of child actors.

"These kids were so professional! I don't know if I was that prepared at their age," she says.

Director Michael Thelin actually kept her mostly separate from the kids. "He didn't want them to feel too comfortable around me, like I was their friend," she recalls. "I would go back to my trailer, alone, go on set, not talking to anyone, then go back to my hotel room and write in this poor girl's dairy. It was a lonely month and a half."

It was demonstrably different from making "In America" a decade-plus ago. For that film she and her sister lived in director Jim Sheridan's house for a month prior to filming.

Bolger is one of countless child actors who continued acting into adulthood. She's now 25, though she admits she still looks young, meaning she still gets high school and college roles. (She was the latter in last year's football movie "My All-American.")

"It'd be fun to play someone who's a woman," Bolger says. "College roles are wonderful, but to have the voice of a woman, it's a goal for me in life and onstage. I have to become a woman now."

She's at least been getting more mature roles, with stints on TV like "Into the Badlands" and "Agent Carter," one of Marvel's many shows.

"When I got the job, I got a Marvel.com email saying, 'Sign your [nondisclosure agreement],'" she says, once more giggling. "I was so f—ing excited. Marvel emailing *me*!"

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Someday, but not yet

There's an art to sadness, Foxing explains. MITCH WOICIK

Foxing's Josh Coll talks sadness, art and impermanence.

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Whether you call it post-rock or emo, Foxing's orchestral sense of melancholy is unmistakable. Personal stories of sadness, regret and trauma comprise much of the St. Louis band's lyrics. On their latest record, "Dealer," they explore such difficult subjects as Catholic guilt ("The Magdalene") and bassist and co-songwriter Josh Coll's service in Afghanistan ("Indica"). But the band's compositions, swaying from whispers to grand crescendos, also convey the life-affirming aspects of painful experiences. We talked with Coll about Foxing's approach to music and living as a rock band.

I think we're often taught to avoid sadness, or too quick to label as "depression" what might be a natural process of grief. And maybe it comes out easier through art like the kind Foxing makes. Do you connect with that idea?

I feel like our culture doesn't know how to handle sadness — it still can be viewed as a weakness for people, and I think that's really disheartening. I've felt like a lot of the stuff we deal with in our music is a little bit therapeutic or cathartic. Sometimes I think we'll talk about the things we talk about so that, in our day-to-day lives, we're able to not have that weigh so heavy on us. A lot of people that meet us have commented on how light-hearted we can be, and that's interesting to me.

Your stuff is often so personal, but lot of bands can be more like fiction writers. What draws you to autobiography?

Everybody has a different way of writing — I'll look at certain bands and really wish that I could from more of an outside perspective. I just don't think it's a strong suit for us. When [lead singer] Conor [Murphy] and I are writing, we find the best results from looking inward.

In your bio, you write, "Foxing is a band. Someday Foxing won't be a band." Is that just a little joke, or are you saying something deeper about how we're all going to die?

When I wrote that, it was a little more tongue-in-cheek, but when we started the band, we kind of had a statement amongst ourselves: If you're putting yourself into a project, something that you care about, there's no reason for half measures. Be 100 percent proud of everything that you put out into the world, because your time as being relevant to the world is extremely fleeting. That carries over into everything we do.

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Faster isn't better. Once you've cut down your search time, the next thing you want to do is slow down your swipe time. You're probably wondering, "How am I going to meet someone if I'm getting fewer mutual matches?" Swiping fast means you're focused on quantity, while going slow will generate the quality you're seeking.

If you think "maybe," say yes. I watch people fall in love every day. Nearly all of my former clients who are now in relationships fell for a "maybe." It wasn't always the person with the hottest profile photos or witty self-descriptions. In fact, usually their initial response to their future significant other's profile was something like, "I don't know about him. Are you sure?" Here's the bottom line: If you see a match and aren't sure about him or her, swipe right. Until you meet in person, you truly won't know who will turn out to be awesome ... and who won't be.

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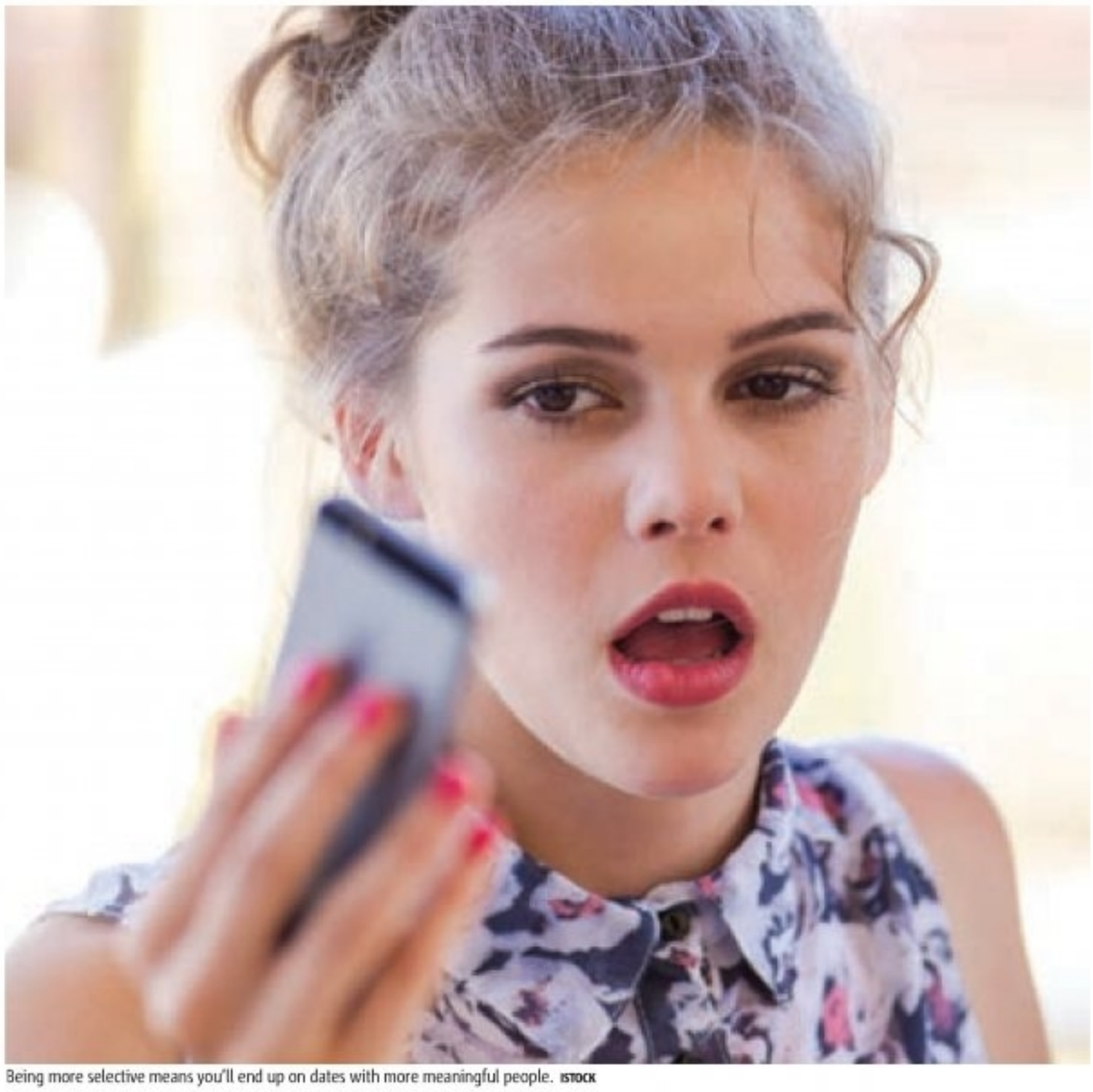

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A 'joyful' take on 'Two Trains Running'

Pulitzer Prize-winner August Wilson's tale of black America in the 1960s takes center stage at the Arden.

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The work of August Wilson looms large in black theater, to the extent that bringing his work to the stage can seem like a rite of passage for an African-American director. Fifteen years into her career, Raelle Myrick-Hodges is often met with disbelief when she tells people she's never helmed a Wilson play.

"I get surprised by them getting surprised," she says with a laugh.

"To be completely up-front, most of what I know about 'black theater' is watching my mother throw fits."

Myrick-Hodges won't have to worry about that reaction any longer now that her production of Wilson's "Two Trains Running" is opening at the Arden. The piece belongs to Wilson's Century Cycle, a series of 10 plays telling stories of African-American life in each decade of the 20th century. "Two Trains Running" takes place in 1969, as a group of customers gather at a diner that is destined to be demolished. "It's set during a changing period in America," Myrick-Hodges says. "It's about a bunch of people with dreams that mostly get thwarted."

The director shrugs off any pressure she feels at tackling the work of such an esteemed and influential author. "I was really lucky that I grew up with Bad Brains," she says, aligning herself with the DIY attitude of the ground-breaking D.C. punk band. "You have to do what you think is right, so that's what I'm doing. I'm there to serve the playwright and nobody else."

For her, that means losing the drab palette and solemn attitude of so many Wilson productions. Looking over pictures of her parents' generation in the '60s, she saw bold and outrageous colors. "Just because it's a Wilson play, everyone doesn't have to wear brown," she says. "My dad wore pink shirts. We're playing with that reality in a more joyful, romantic and sexy way."

Homecoming

"Two Trains Running" marks a homecoming for Myrick-Hodges. Currently based in New Orleans, where she's curator of performance arts for the Contemporary Arts Center — and prepping for a move to New York City — she came of artistic age in Philly, where she co-founded Azuka Theatre Company. More directly, she got her start in the Arden Professional Apprentice program in 1998.

"It was probably one of the hardest jobs I ever had, but it was one of the happiest times I ever had, too," she recalls. "It's exciting to come home to do a play in a space where I painted the frickin' beams."

If you go

Two Trains Running
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Jaxon, a NoLibs new American BYOB from a Philly restaurateur vet, is located at 701 N. 3rd St. 215-922-2621 CAROLINE RUSSOCK

Tony Schiro has reigned as the king of 4th and South streets for a solid 17 years. First with The Latest Dish, a neighborhood hub serving an international yet approachable menu of Vietnamese spring rolls, steak with truffled fries and vegan burgers. And also with Fluid, a dearly departed nightclub that hosted the likes of Diplo and Questlove before they were household names.

Two and a half years later, Schiro is returning to the restaurant biz with Jaxon, a Northern Liberties BYOB named for his son. Schiro has been a resident of this hip hood for a while now. "I've lived here since '96 back when it was shady and cheap," he says. "It's come a long way in 20 years."

Living just a few doors down from his new restaurant space, Schiro was privy to the lifecycle of Il Cantuccio, the Italian BYOB that was most recently at 4th and Fairmount. Taking over the lease, Schiro set out to create a neighborhood spot with a chalkboard menu and a kitchen that drew inspiration from local purveyors.

He then tapped a tag team of serious talent for the endeavor: Ed Conwell, a chef that spent three years in the kitchen at Vernick Food & Drink and most recently at the beloved Cypriot spot Kanella; and Doug Dreisback whose resume includes time at Serpico, Little Fish and opening La Colombe's Frankford Avenue flagship.

Northern Liberties has its fair share of Italian and Mediterranean-accented BYOBs but Jaxon is going to be doing something a little different with its new American menu. The kitchen is still working on finishing touches, but Schiro says that grilled octopus, whole trout, mussels and butternut squash are going to be offered upon opening, all featuring seasonal produce from local farms.

The brick walls of the restaurant have been white washed, the ceiling lined with hanging Edison bulbs and cafe tables mounted with clean wooden tops making for a minimalist dining room that highlights the open kitchen that's the centerpiece of the room.

After a few years out of the game, Schiro is ready to welcome his neighbors and legions of fans into his new, close-to-home spot.

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DANCE

Koresh Kouture Silver Gala

Thursday through March 12
Suzanne Roberts Theatre
480 S Broad St.
From $125, Koreshdance.org
The Koresh Dance Company celebrates its 25th anniversary with a Silver Gala, premiering a dance performance called "23: Deconstructing Mozart," choreographed by Roni Koresh himself. The three-day event also features a whiskey tasting, a fashion show and a silent auction.

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HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sunday, 12 p.m.
Parade route begins at JFK and 16th Sts.
Free
Philadelphiastpatsparade.com
This annual St. Patrick's Day Parade is a spectacular spectacle of true Irish pride and heritage. The theme this year is "St. Patrick, Bless the Heroes of the 1916 Easter Rising." The parade will pause for a performance in front of the Philadelphia Art Museum. The parade will air live for the first time on Fox 29.

FILM

The Science Behind Pixar

Saturday through Sep. 5
The Franklin Institute
222 N. 20th St.
Free with admission, Fi.edu
The Franklin Institute explores the scientific principles, mathematical concepts and feats of engineering that created some of the special effects of Pixar's most beloved animated movies, like "Toy Story," "WALL-E," "Finding Nemo" and more.

Israeli Film Fest

Saturday through March 13
Locations vary
Prices vary by film
Iffphila.com
This annual Israeli Film Fest is one of the biggest Israeli film events in the country. With many movies created about and by Israelis playing in multiple locations across the city, it's easy to catch one or two if you don't have the whole day to spare. Headlining the event is the film "The Kind Words," the story of three siblings who discover after their mother's death that their family heritage was fabricated.

"Black and Cuba"

Sunday, 5 p.m.
African American Museum
701 Arch St.
$7, Aampmuseum.org
The documentary "Black and Cuba" follows a group of Ivy League college students as they explore the music scene in Cuba, encountering block parties, hip-hop performances and the young artists who create the country's underground culture. Filmmaker Robin Hayes will answer questions following the screening.

MUSIC

Lucinda Williams

Thursday, 8 p.m.
World Cafe Live
3025 Walnut St.
$35, Worldcafelive.com
This grand lady of country music descends upon World Cafe Live to grace us with her soulful crag, sarcastic wit and stirring country compositions. Her latest album, "The Ghosts of Highway 20" spends some time ruminating on the fleeting nature of memory. Buick 6, a band discovered by Williams, opens.

Mahler Symphony No. 8

Thursday through March 13
Verizon Hall
300 S. Broad St.
From $99, Kimmelcenter.org
Nicknamed the "Symphony of a Thousand," this performance actually features around 400 singers performing the energetic and ambitious piece by Mahler. This performance marks the 100th anniversary of the symphony's American premiere by The Philadelphia Orchestra.

The Chieftains

Sunday, 3 p.m.
Merriam Theater
250 S. Broad St.
From $30
Kimmelcenter.org
One of Ireland's most legendary musical groups, the Chieftains have had an incomparable effect on the reach and popularity of Irish folk music across the globe. If your blood runs green, but you don't prefer to vomit emerald, consider this a worthy St. Patrick's Day weekend alternative.

Railroad Earth

Thursday, 8 p.m.
Union Transfer
1024 Spring Garden St.
$25, Utphilly.com
Americana jam band Railroad Earth has been playing their blend of roots, country and bluegrass for over 15 years, becoming well-known for their energetic and stirring live performances. The six-piece from New Jersey also takes musical inspiration from Celtic and Cajun traditions, infusing their songs with wanderlust and a zeal for overcoming the challenges of American life.

COMEDY

Donnell Rawlings

Thursday through March 12
Helium Comedy Club
2031 Sansom St.
From $20
Philadelphia.heliumcomedy.com
Comedian Donnell Rawlings is known for his recurring role as Ashy Larry on "Chappelle's Show." He's also guest-starred on "The Wire" and "Law and Order" as well as more regular roles in "Def Comedy Jam," "Guy Code" and "Hip Hop Squares." He has a low-key style of standup that focuses on race in popular culture.

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The city within the capital

Washington, D.C., is more than just a collection of grand monuments and federal buildings.

Fodor's Travel

The best way to get to know Washington, D.C., is to take a bipartisan approach. At the city's downtown core are grand tributes to American history and government that create an aura of power and diplomacy, and you can see most of them on a stroll around the Mall. There are also the Smithsonian museums and federal government buildings to tour, but don't forget that this is a city where people live, work and play — there's a side of D.C. that thrives beyond the marble columns and museum galleries. Add these top experiences to your list and you'll cross the aisle between essential visitor sights and hotspots that locals love.

Tidal Basin ALL PHOTOS FODORS

White House

14th Street and U Street

Tidal Basin

A serene reservoir just south of the National Mall, the Tidal Basin is one of the most photographed spots in the city. The inlet is surrounded by some of its top monuments: the Jefferson Memorial, Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial and the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial. A walking path encircles the water, and when it's warm out you can rent a paddleboat and putz around the pond.

Cherry Blossom Festival

Every spring, the cherry trees around Washington blanket the city with a blizzard of little pink and white flowers. The city goes nuts for the blooms — you'll find cherry blossoms in cocktails and cupcakes, and in events throughout the two weeklong Cherry Blossom Festival. Many of the original trees (which were a gift from Japan in the early 1900s) stand around the Tidal Basin, but if crowds aren't your thing, you can still enjoy the flowers. Get to the Tidal Basin before the sun rises for a little more breathing room (and some incredible photo ops as the sky lightens), or head out to the National Arboretum for a less hectic and equally scenic stroll.

National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden

Sure, the sculptures here are nice — you'll find works by Calder and Lichtenstein. But what locals love most about this nook next to the National Gallery of Art is what happens around the sculptures. On summer Fridays, the lawn fills with a buzzing after-work crowd for Jazz in the Garden. Come early, claim a spot of grass and toast the end of the workweek with some ensemble jazz and sangria.

14th and U streets

A focal point of the District's dining and nightlife scene, 14th and U streets have undergone massive revitalization in recent years. U Street, which was formerly known as Black Broadway, was the heart of early 20th century African-American culture in D.C. You can still see some of the icons from that era at places like the Lincoln Theatre. But the corridor, and 14th Street, which began as an offshoot of U but has blown up into its own entity, is better known now for its trendy restaurant-bar concepts, like Le Diplomate, Bar Pilar and Barcelona. If you want a night out in Washington, this is the place for it.

White House

If there's one sight that says "America," it's the White House. The presidential estate sits at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., and you can snap a selfie from both the street side and from the Ellipse on the way to the Mall. The building's heavily guarded and not generally open to the public, although if you plan ahead you can arrange a tour through your state representative. Nearby, the White House Visitor Center is a convenient alternative to a tour — it's open to the public and shows off some of the artifacts that have decorated the home.

Arlington National Cemetery

A quick trip across the Memorial Bridge from the Lincoln Memorial brings you to Arlington National Cemetery. The bucolic 624-acre plot of Virginia land is the final resting place of two presidents and about 400,000 American veterans. Many people come to see the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and its changing of the guard ceremony, and the eternal flame at John F. Kennedy's grave site. If you're looking to pay respects at a specific grave, the ANC Explorer app can lead you there.

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Historic Hotels

D.C. is a city rich with history and scandals, and its grande-dame hotels have plenty of stories to tell. The most notorious hotel in American history, the Watergate, is reopening after a major restoration. A few miles away, the Mayflower was the site of former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer's infamous affair. Other hotels are steeped in history of a less sordid nature. Just blocks from the White House, the Hay Adams and Willard Intercontinental hotels have hosted everyone from Mark Twain to Abe Lincoln to Martin Luther King Jr. (who wrote his "I have a dream" speech in a room at the Willard). If you can't afford the hefty price tag of these spots, take a spin through the gilded lobbies or settle in for a drink at their classic bars.

U.S. Capitol

The seat of legislative power for the United States anchors one end of the National Mall with a soaring dome, one of the tallest structures in the city. Most visits begin at the snazzy Capitol Visitor Center, where you can book a tour to see the building's Rotunda, Crypt and National Statuary Hall. You can also book a tour through your member of Congress; these representatives can also give you passes to watch a session of the Senate or House in action.

U.S. Capitol

Union Market and Eastern Market

D.C.'s market power couple (or are they frenemies?) set a high bar for discerning shoppers. Eastern Market is a little better known and more historic. Originally built in 1871, the indoor-outdoor market hall is surrounded by a colorful neighborhood of the same name. Many of the vendors here exist specifically for the market and sell a homey assortment of food and crafts. Union Market, which burst back onto the scene recently after years of decline, is an emporium of high-end artisan brands and pop-ups, featuring everything from craft homegoods to gourmet coffee.

National Zoo

Shaw

A decade ago, few visitors found themselves in this corner of Washington. Now it's the city's obsession. The residential neighborhood east of Logan Circle is seeing a development boom, with bars, restaurants and boutiques moving in. Beer drinkers have plenty to cheer about: Dacha beer garden and Right Proper Brewing Company keep hops fans hydrated. Foodies are flocking to spots like Mockingbird Hill, Southern Efficiency and Declaration. And everyone's keeping their eyes on new retail-residential spaces that are bolstering the area's new boutique lifestyle vibe.

Georgetown

One of Washington's ritziest enclaves, Georgetown marries old-world charm with upscale dining and shopping. You'll find high-end chain stores like Brooks Brothers and Zara along with classic D.C. eateries like Clyde's and "best restaurants" list-toppers like Fiola Mare. The historic C&O Canal starts here and makes for a shady place to stroll. Side streets leading up to Georgetown University's campus are paved with cobblestones and wind along well-preserved townhouses that shelter senators and dignitaries.

Dupont Circle

Dupont has a little bit of everything. The neighborhood's center is a large traffic circle surrounded by a mix of shops, restaurants and museums. You'll find chains like Chipotle and Loft nestled next to independent outposts like Kramerbooks and Bistrot du Coin. Museums here are takeovers of neighborhood homes: the Phillips Collection has modern and Impressionist art; the Woodrow Wilson House showcases 1920s lifestyle; and the Heurich House Museum (also known as the Brewmaster's Castle) hosts beer-centric history events. Fanning out from the circle are residential streets, office buildings and Embassy Row.

National Cathedral

Set high on a hill with a prominent view of the city's skyline, this 20th-century stone church is built in a soaring 14th-century gothic style. Though officially Episcopalian, it has also been the site of state funerals for presidents and sermons by religious leaders like the Dalai Lama. It's also home to Darth Vader — the "Star Wars" villain sits high on one of the towers, after being chosen as one of the winning designs in a children's contest to decorate the building.

National Zoo

If you were to give Washington a signature animal, the giant panda would win the job. The National Zoo, which is part of the Smithsonian Institution, is home to four beloved pandas (including a newborn that had Washingtonians on "panda watch" awaiting the birth). There are, of course, other animals to visit here as well, from elephants to lions to Amazonian frogs and monkeys. Not only is the zoo easy to get to by subway, it's free for all ages.

Renwick Gallery

The "photography encouraged" signs are a good clue that this is not your average art gallery. The branch of the Smithsonian is a block from the White House and showcases American craft and decorative arts. But don't expect to see a lot of china plates and furniture. The programming here is innovative and pushes boundaries, from beer events to exhibits that have the Instagram crowd wearing out their hashtags.

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Eagles attack offseason

After signing four players in positions of need, the Eagles raised more questions than they answered.

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Chase Daniel has two career NFL starts and one career NFL touchdown. GETTY IMAGES

The Eagles continue to move swiftly and confidently through the offseason as Howie Roseman helped the Eagles add, and subtract, on the road to contending again.

Here's a look at the moves the Eagles officially made Wednesday afternoon on a busy start to the NFL year across the league:

Workman's comp

The Eagles confirmed their return from a pair of high-profile trades made earlier this week. The Birds swapped fourth-round picks with the Titans in exchange for DeMarco Murray. This moved Philly up 13 spots and into the second pick on the third day. They also officially swapped first-rounders with the Dolphins in exchange for Kiko Alonso and Byron Maxwell. This puts the Birds at No. 8, which is the equivalent of gaining a high third-rounder.

QB competition?

The Eagles signed Doug Pederson's boy, Chase Daniel, to a three-year, $21 million deal with $12 million guaranteed. The Eagles, apparently, will give Daniel the opportunity to beat out Sam Bradford to start (Bradford signed a two-year, $36 million deal last week with $26 million guaranteed). This explains the seemingly excessive money for a backup QB.

O-line help

The Eagles signed a stud offensive guard to a five-year deal when they brought in Brandon Brooks from the Texans. The big, 6-foot-5, 343-pounder will be an anchor on the Eagles line and, still in his mid-20s, could be there for years to come. His price tag was $40 million.

Upgrading the D

Malcolm Jenkins learned who his counterpart at safety would be when the Birds inked Rodney McLeod to a five-year, $37 million contract. The Eagles also added a linebacker (to replace Kiko Alonso), with sources confirming they had come to terms with Nigel Bradham. He most recently played for Buffalo.

Around the league

Here's a quick look at some of the biggest, most noteworthy free agent moves around from around the NFL.

- Texans agree to terms with QB Brock Osweiler for four years, $72 million.
- The Jets agreed to sign RB Matt Forte.
- The Raiders agree to terms with DE/OLB Bruce Irvin for four years, $40 million.
- The Giants agree to terms with CB Janoris Jenkins for five years, $62 million.
- The Giants agree to terms with CB Oliver Vernon for five years, $85 million.
- The Buccaneers held on to RB Doug Martin with a five years, $37.5 million deal.
- The Falcons agree to terms with C Alex Mack for five years, $45 million.
- The Lions agree to terms with WR Marvin Jones for five years, $40 million.
- The Texans agree to terms with RB Lamar Miller for four years, $26 million.
- The Chiefs were penalized two draft picks by the NFL, including this year's third-rounder, for "tampering" with Jeremy Maclin last season. They're also being fined for the transgression.

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2012 Dodge Charger SE — $13,900 — $258/Month — 85k Miles
2011 Toyota RAV4 Sport 4X4 — $14,900 — $274/Month — 73k Miles
2015 Nissan Altima 2.5 S — $14,900 — $274/Month — 29k Miles
2008 Mercedes ML350 4MATIC — $15,900 — $291/Month — 77k Miles
2011 Nissan Murano SL AWD — $16,900 — $307/Month — 79k Miles
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The Madness is all about the money

The NCAA men's basketball tournament cranks up next week. GETTY IMAGES

A look inside the business that is the NCAA men's basketball tournament.

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One could easily make the case that the NCAA men's basketball tournament is the second-most-popular sporting event in the United States each year, trailing only the Super Bowl. Dollar figures certainly back that up.

A 30-second commercial during the men's national title game runs for a cool $1.5 million while a similar spot during the NBA Finals costs just $520,000. A Super Bowl ad costs more than $5 million. (Figures according to the personal finance site, WalletHub.com.)

The main key to getting eyeballs to television sets during sporting events is to get both the casual fan and the jaded sports fan. The "root, root, root for the home team" type is already watching if their team is in it. It's the viewer with no traditional rooting interest that interests advertisers most, and the easiest way to get people to "care" is if there's money on the line.

"Squares pools" during the Super Bowl are tiddlywinks compared to the number of people and the amount of cash wagered during March Madness.

WalletHub estimates that $9 billion was wagered on the 2015 NCAA tournament ($7 billion illegally) and estimates $1.9 billion was the hourly loss amount by companies due to unproductive workers during March Madness 2015 (there are dozens of games played during traditional work days during the first two full days of the tournament).

Work for free

Around this time every year comes a national cry to have college basketball players, who pull in ungodly dollar amounts for the NCAA and their TV partners, to be compensated. Unfortunately for these athletes, it does not look like that's going to happen anytime soon as Northwestern football players were denied their request to form the first collegiate union for athletes by the National Labor Relations Board last August.

"The NCAA is working very hard to avoid paying their athletes," said sports law expert Marc Edelman of Baruch College in New York City.

Place your bets

Two years ago in March, you couldn't turn on your TV set without hearing about "Warren Buffett's Billion Dollar Bracket Challenge." It was as wildly popular as it was different because it skated around gambling laws. You didn't have to wager your own money to enter this contest. You simply had to sign an online form at Yahoo.com that gave some basic personal info to the mortgage lending company, Quicken Loans.

To win the billion, all you had to do was fill out a perfect bracket. According to WalletHub, it is two times easier to win back-to-back Mega Millions lotteries than it is to fill out a perfect bracket. Needless to say, no one won the billion in 2014.

Last year, Quicken Loans, Yahoo! and Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway all ended up squabbling in court over who came up with the idea first, and there have been no plans to reinstate the contest since.

And not only did the people behind the idea itself wind up having a problem with it, the NCAA did as well.

"The NCAA was very opposed [to the billion-dollar bracket], so much so that I received a phone call from someone from the NCAA to discuss the issue," Edelman, who is also a featured blogger for Forbes Sports Money and Sports Law, said. "As a matter of law, it was legal because there was no entry fee and it wouldn't be considered wagering. But some people implied that a $1 billion prize would create incentive for individuals to fix the tournament."

Edelman added that the NCAA also has a major concern with daily fantasy sports, despite it helping to boost TV ratings.

"They're concerned that some athletes who don't have much money, and of course — they're not paid to play, will bet on or against themselves in daily fantasy," Edelman said. "The NCAA's big fear is having a major gambling scandal again."

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St. Joseph's not assured to go dancing

The Hawks need to do a little damage in the A-10 Tournament if they want to play in the NCAA's.

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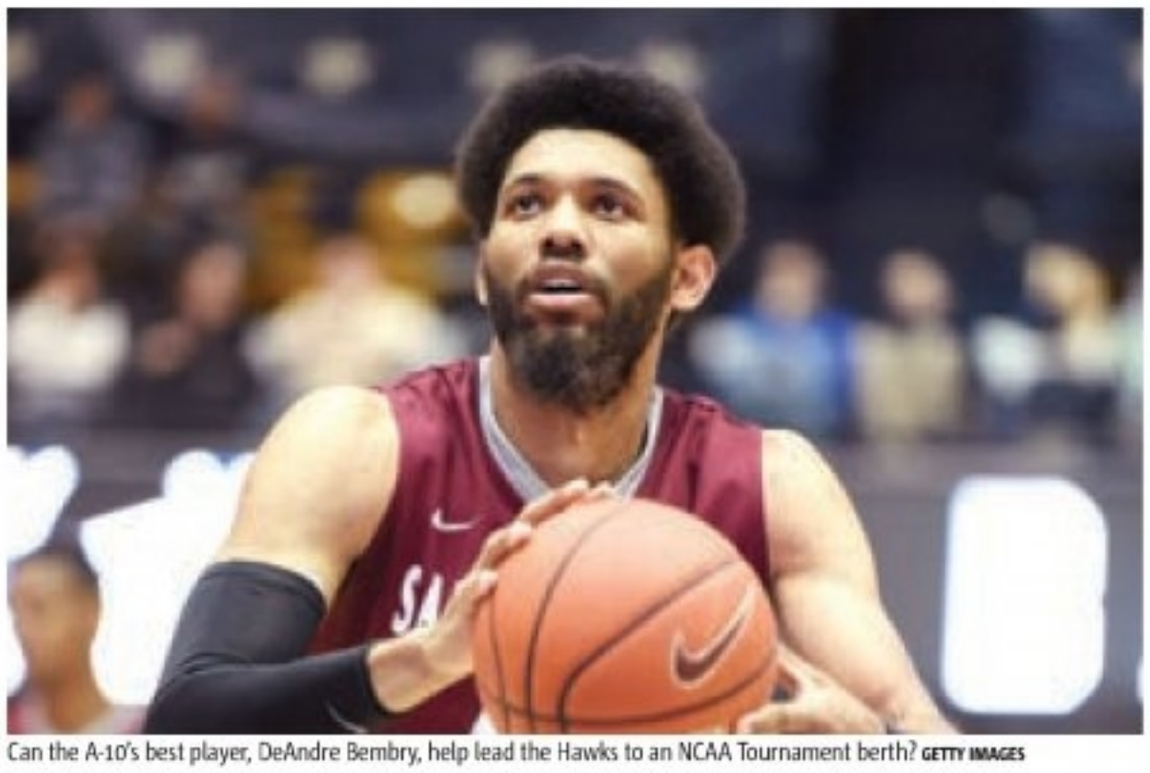

Can the A-10's best player, DeAndre Bembry, help lead the Hawks to an NCAA Tournament berth? GETTY IMAGES

The St. Joseph's Hawks have proved to be one of the better teams in the country this season, finishing with a 24-7, 13-5 record, their best since the 2004-05 season.

Their success came with several awards. On Tuesday, it was announced that senior forward DeAndre Bembry was named the Atlantic 10 Conference's Player of the Year, after averaging 17 points, 7.8 rebounds and 4.5 assists for the Hawks this season. His senior teammate Isaiah Miles was named the A-10's Most Improved Player, leading the Hawks in scoring (18.0) and rebounding (8.1), and freshman guard Lamarr Kimble was named to the A-10's Rookie Team.

All of the team and individual successes will be for naught if the Hawks don't find a way to win a few games in this week's A-10 Tournament.

The Hawks are currently projected by the team's own play-by-play announcer, ESPN's Mr. Bracketology himself, Joe Lunardi, as one of the NCAA Tournament's last four byes, just missing a play-in game.

The Hawks were virtual locks throughout most of the season, before dropping three of their final five games of the season to Davidson, St. Bonaventure and Duquesne. They enter the A-10 Tournament as the No. 4 seed.

After the loss to Duquesne, coach Phil Martelli is focusing on getting the team prepared for their quarterfinals matchup on Friday.

"We just have to identify these Achilles heels and we have to clean them up sooner rather than later," Martelli said. "There aren't a lot of laters left."

St. Joe's will sit and watch as the A-10 Tournament gets underway tonight. The winner of the first game between No. 12 George Mason and No. 13 St. Louis will play No. 5 George Washington on Thursday. Whoever advances in that game will face the Hawks on Friday afternoon.

"We've had a great season so far and I know the guys are happy for me," Bembry said, on winning the A-10 top player award. "Right now I'm just trying to focus on some more wins."

The Hawks will play at 2:30 on Friday in the quarterfinals on NBCSN. With a win, the Hawks will likely face No. 1 seed Dayton on Saturday in the semifinals.

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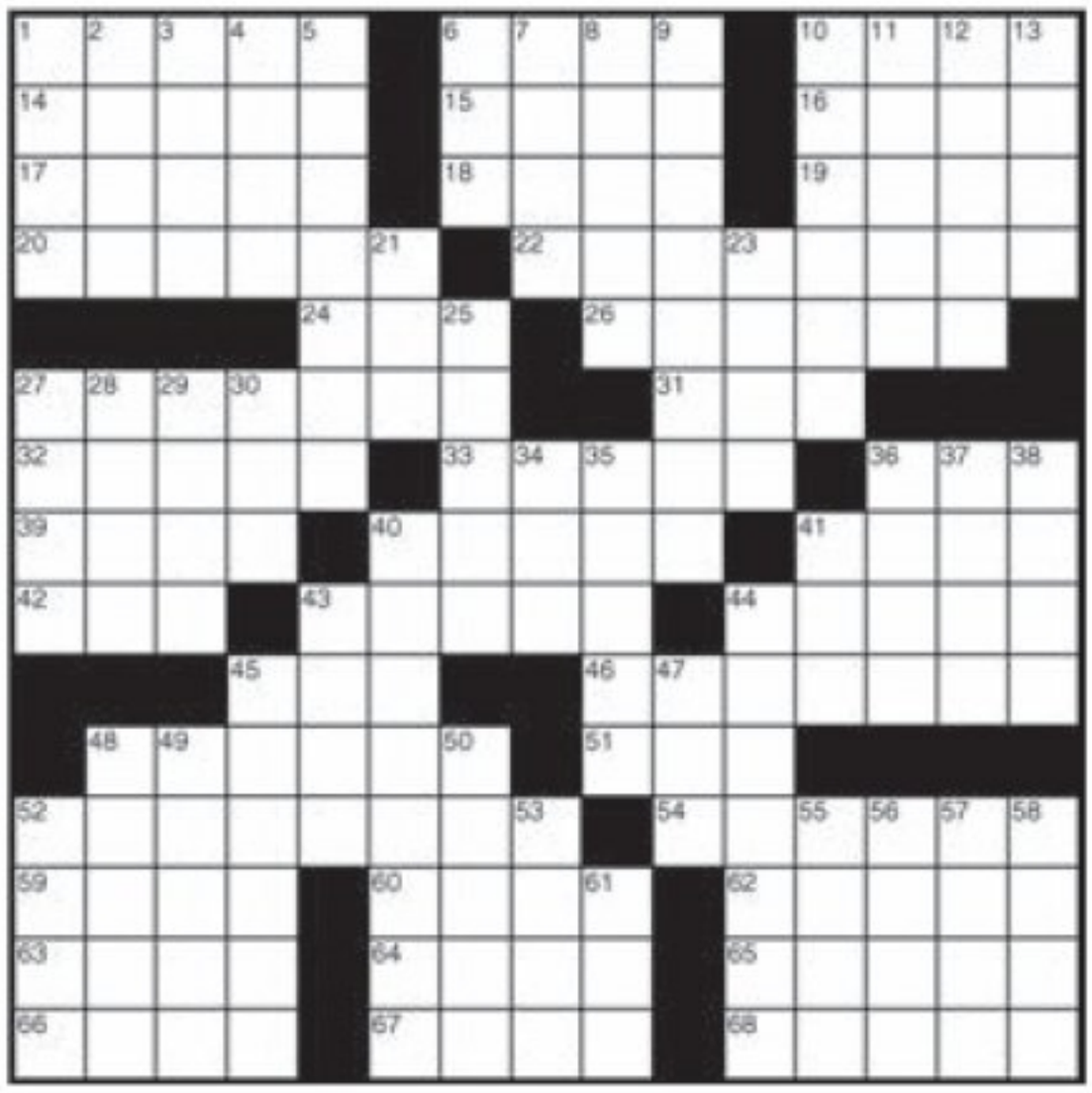

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